

St. John-St. James

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 PM Service

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AS WE GATHER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

My heavenly Father, I thank you through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, for graciously keeping me through this day. Forgive me all the sins that I have done against you, and graciously keep me through this night. I commend my body and soul and all things into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

(Luther's Evening Prayer)

WELCOME

HANDS OF THE PASSION—Hands of Humility

Opening Hymn:

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

Christian Worship, Hymn # 315

Verse 1 🎵 **Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.**

Verse 2 🎵 **This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4  **Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord my God.**

PLEASE STAND

OPENING PRAYER

M O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M Hasten to save me, O God.

C **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

selected Psalms

M The Old Testament tells us how King David hid his sin and did not confess it. In Psalm 32 David reflected upon his unconfessed sins in his prayer to God: *“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.”* (Psalm 32:3-6) Invited by God’s grace, let us also join the faithful to pray and confess our sins to the LORD:

C **“In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress. But I trust in you, LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hands. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.”**
Amen. (Psalm 31:1,2,5,9,14-16)

C Verse 1  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

(Silent reflection and confession of personal sins while music plays softly.)

C reprise  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

ABSOLUTION

M Indeed, the LORD is faithful. He hears and answers the prayers of his repentant people. In his unfailing love, God our heavenly Father, has given his one and only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce the grace of God to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son **†** and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M We call on you, our God, for you will answer us. Show us the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you. Keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Psalm 17:6-8)

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Musical Offering

SJSJ grades 6-8

“Jesus Messiah”



15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Lesson Response:

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C **By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn of the Day:

Christian Worship, Hymn # 497

This Is My Will

C Verse 1

♪ **“This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
As I have shown that I love you.**

C Verse 2

♪ **“No greater love can any have
Than that one die to save his friends.
You are my friends if you obey
What I command that you should do.**

C Verse 4

♪ **“You chose not me, but I chose you,
That you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
Should bear much fruit that will abide.**

C Verse 5

♪ **“All that you ask my Father dear
For my name’s sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell in each, in all.”**

John 13:1-5,12-17

“Hands of Humility” (*Jesus*)

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship as believers, and we proclaim his death until he returns. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, **St. John-St. James members** are asked to register with the ushers before or after the service.*

***Guests and visitors** wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with our pastor prior to the start of the worship service. We make this request out of a love for our Savior's teaching concerning the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 10,11), and out of love for our guests, seeking only their spiritual good and blessing. We humbly ask for your respectful cooperation. May the Lord bless each of our communicants today with peace-filled hearts and a renewed spirit to serve and love their Lord Jesus.*

PREFACE

M To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command not only linked to the events he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room but also rooted in God's ancient promises of a Deliverer who would suffer in order to set his people free. We remember:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord God, have mercy on me a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, Lord. I ask not assuming any worthiness on my part, rather I come in faith and at the invitation of your dear Son. Bless me through your sacrament, for his sake. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord’s Supper, we conclude our celebration.)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship, Hymn # 318

C Verse 1

♪ **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

C Verse 2

♪ **With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
One faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us; With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**